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### Local Market Report.

Corrected Feb. 5, for the benefit of Argus readers by the Malheur Mercantile Company.

Eggs, per dozen, 30c.  
Butter, per pound, 30c.  
Oats, per hundred, \$1.50.  
Wheat, per hundred, \$1.60.  
Hay, per ton, \$5.  
Potatoes, per hundred, \$1.60.  
Onions, per hundred, \$2.00.  
Apples, per box, \$1.00, to \$1.50.  
Chickens, dressed, per pound, 8c.  
Pork, dressed, 9 to 10c.  
Pork, live, 5 1/2 to 6 1/2 c.  
Veal, 9 to 10c.  
Beef, 11c to 12c.

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## NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST IN IDAHO

Important Occurrences of the Past Week From Cities in Our State.

### EDITORS PAY WITH PENNIES

Last Chapter in Boise Contempt Case Closed.

Boise.—The final chapter in the famous newspaper contempt case of this city, in which the supreme court of Idaho was accuser, judge and jury in the trial of Richard Story Sheridan, C. O. Broxon and A. R. Cruzen, owners of the Capital News, who were cited for contempt, was closed when the newspaper men paid their fines of \$500 each assessed by the court. The fines were raised through popular penny donations received from every state in the union and many parts of Canada.

Had it not been for the fear that the court would not accept the sum in pennies as legal tender, the coppers would have been placed in the court's hands. Instead, they were hauled to a local bank on a dray and there deposited. Checks were drawn on the fund by the defendants to pay their fines, the newspaper men saving the court and attaching the embarrassment of counting the pennies.

### Cello Celebration Urged for 1915.

Lewiston.—The completion of the Cello canal, opening the Columbia-Snake waterway to free navigation, at the same time that the Panama canal is thrown open, is to be celebrated here in 1915, and efforts are now being made to have the northwest states join with Idaho in this observance. The Idaho legislature has a bill before it for the appropriation of \$15,000 to finance the exposition and celebration, while Oregon and Washington lawmakers have each been asked for an appropriation of \$7500. In Salem, the bill is in the hands of Representative R. N. Stanfield, of Umatilla county, while Representative Max M. Neumann, of Spokane, has an appropriation bill under his charge in Olympia. These bills all provide for the appointment of commissioners to manage the expenditures for their respective states.

### OPPOSED TO NEW COUNTIES

Division Bills in Legislature May Be Shelved.

Boise.—That he is opposed to the creation of new counties in this state, except in such cases where the people have been given an opportunity to express themselves, Governor Haines has made known to the Idaho legislature.

The official announcement of the governor spells doom for the Ada, Canyon, Bonner and Fremont county division bills introduced or to be introduced, it is believed in legislative circles.

Governor Haines made his decision known in a message to the house. In it he announced he had attached his signature to the division bills creating Minidoka and Lincoln counties. He assigns his reasons for being opposed to the creation of new counties because of the increase of taxes that will follow.

The Oversmith bill giving county mutual fire insurance companies power to maintain a fund from which to pay losses rather than to levy assessments with which to pay them, was passed.

The senate indefinitely postponed the house joint resolution calling for junketing trips of members representing joint committees of both houses to visit state institutions both north and south. A home rule local option bill providing for precinct local option, was introduced in the senate by Senator MacBeth, of Custer county.

### Marriage Bill Urged.

If the legislature passes the marriage measure now pending in the house, a physician's certificate will be necessary before a license may be obtained.

The proposed measure was introduced in the house at the request of the Federation of Women's Clubs in this state.

Marriage between first cousins is prohibited, as are alliances between white persons and negroes, mulattoes or Mongolians.

The bill provides that where either principal has been divorced in this state, and thereafter within a month leaves this state and is married in another state and returns to Idaho within a period of six months of the marriage in another state, such a marriage is null and void and will not be recognized in Idaho.

Haight's local option bill, the principal feature of which is the requirement that common carriers shall keep a record of all shipments of alcohol and intoxicating liquors shipped into "dry" territory, passed the senate and will be transmitted to the lower house for ratification as soon as engrossed.

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

### LOGGING CAMPS ARE OPEN

Warm Weather Encourages Loggers; Market is Steadier.

Portland.—With the disappearance of the snow in the timber, logging camps in the Columbia river district are gradually resuming operations after a shut down of more than a month. This will be welcome news to some millmen who in the past month have run short on logs as a result of the good demand for the sawed product. Some mills, it is stated, will have to close down for several weeks, unless the logging camps come to their rescue shortly.

The situation looks good to the loggers for the market is steadier than at any time during the past two years and prices are better, too. For the present the ruling basis of quotation is \$7, \$10 and \$13, but it is considered possible that \$1 will be added to this price on February 15, when the dollar advance per thousand goes into effect on Puget sound. However, opinions differ somewhat on this point among the loggers here.

### Water for Irrigation is Assured.

Baker.—There is more snow in the mountains of eastern Oregon at the present time than for several years past, and indications are that the coming spring and summer will see more water available for irrigation and placer mining than there has been for several years. The deepest snow on the level reported from any of the nearby territory is twelve feet at Cable Cove in the Sumpter district, about 7000 feet above sea level. At Sumpter there is five feet on the level, at Greenhorn and Bourne nine feet, and about the same depth at Cornucopia, in the northeast end of the county.

### Farmers Resent Monopoly.

Pendleton.—Warmly resenting the apparent operations of a grain bag monopoly, which seems to be planning a double priced holdup of the grain growers of the northwest for the coming summer, local farmers through the county union of the Farmers' Co-operative and Educational Union are planning to ask aid from the legislature and from the national congress if necessary.

At this time the grain bag brokers are asking 11 cents for bags for the coming harvest. This price is regarded as outrageous by the farmers since the Indian jute crop this year is reported as remarkably heavy. It is pointed out that the 11 cents per bag quotation now given is prima facie evidence that the supply of bags is monopolized. At this time last year grain bags were quoted at 6 1/2 cents.

## WANT SINSLOW FOREST OPENED FOR SETTLEMENT

A petition containing the name of 220 residents of the Sinslow forest reserve and vicinity, asking senators and members of congress from Oregon to take steps to have the Sinslow reserve returned to settlement and make it subject to homestead entry, was forwarded from Eugene.

## KLAMATH FALLS TO HAVE ELABORATE PARK SYSTEM

The new city park site recently purchased by Klamath Falls is to be laid out and arranged by a professional landscape artist, according to plans of the Park Commission and the Women's Civic League, which is co-operating with the board in the development of the city's park system.

### HOTEL GIRLS SAVE LIVES

Waitresses Sound Alarm and Rush Through Burning Hall.

Sacramento.—Four persons are known to be dead, two others are dying, 10 others are in hospitals suffering from burns or broken bones, and the search for bodies continues in the ruins of the St. Nicholas apartment house, which went up in flames while some of the guests were at breakfast, and others were still in their rooms.

An explosion of fumes of oil which had escaped from a defective burner in the basement started the fire which quickly enveloped the building.

That nearly all of the 80 persons occupying rooms in the house were not burned to death was due to the heroic work of Miss Frances Reddick and Miss Mary Courtwright, waitresses who ran through the burning halls, awakening everyone and assisting those who were overcome by smoke.

## RULES OF MALHEUR COUNTY DECLAMATORY CONTEST

Following are the rules for the Declamatory contest which takes place at Nyssa March 8.

1. This association shall be known as the Malheur County Interscholastic Declamatory Contest association.

2. The contestants shall be confined to the 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

3. The meeting place shall rotate in such order as determined by the committee.

4. The executive committee shall consist of the principals of the largest schools in the county and one teacher from a rural school appointed by the county superintendent. The county superintendent is made chairman ex-officio of said board.

5. The time of the first meeting shall be some time within the first half of March.

6. Each school taking part in the contest shall bear its own expense at each meeting.

7. The program shall consist of such additional numbers as the committee may deem advisable from among the schools represented.

8. Any school wishing to enter this contest shall make application to any member of the committee on or before the first of February of each year.

9. It is understood and agreed that this annual contest is created for the mutual benefit of all schools in the county.

10. Any trophy offered will be held the following year by the school winning the same.

11. Any trophy won three times in succession by the same school establishes an ownership.

12. All recitations shall be limited to eleven minutes.

13. Further—that the expenses of the association shall be borne by the school at the place where the contest is held.

14. It is suggested by the committee that each school enter into a local contest to select the candidates to take part in the annual contest. It is also urged that all schools put forth their best effort to enter this contest.

The meetings of the past have been very profitable and we urge that more schools be represented in the meetings of the future. We also wish the executive committee to feel free to do such things as may be to the best interests of all the schools of the county.

All those who have taken part in the contest heretofore are ineligible for the future contests.

A. B. Macpherson, Co. Supt.

## NEWS FROM PORTLAND LIVE STOCK MARKETS

Notwithstanding the fact that receipts have been light and comparatively few cattle offered to the trade, prices have sagged fully 25 cents all along the line. Prime steers old for \$7.50 to \$7.75, cows \$6.50 to \$6.75, heifers \$7.00 to \$7.25 and bulls at \$6.00, represent a conservative range price.

Downward tendency to the swine trade early in the week became chronic by Thursday when best light weight hogs sold at \$7.50 to \$7.55. These prices are twenty to thirty cents lower than a week ago. Liquidation has been very liberal, 1622 head of swine being unloaded here since Saturday.

Mutton values received a trimming Thursday, due to the let-up in demand. The cattle decline has affected both sheep and hog markets and fresh meat business shows big losses compared with early January trade. Choice wethers are down a quarter at \$6.00 to \$6.15; ewes \$5.00 to 5 15. Lamb market steady to a shade weaker, tops \$7.00 to \$7.25, demand not so urgent. Bulk of sheep offerings during week only medium quality.

### THE MARKETS.

#### Portland.

Wheat—Club, 86c; bluestem, 84c; red Russian, 85c.  
Hay—Timothy, \$15; alfalfa, \$12.  
Butter—Creamery, 27 1/2 c.  
Eggs—Candied, 25c.  
Hops—1912 crop, 17c.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16c; Wabamette valley, 20c.

#### Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem, 92c; club, 86c; red Russian, 85c.  
Eggs—20c.  
Butter—Creamery, 38c.  
Hay—Timothy, \$19 per ton; alfalfa, \$14 per ton.